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Fulbright Hits Helms' Role in Probe of CIA

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Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., has called a special congressional investigation into the Central Intelligence Agency's operations among student and other groups.

Fulbright, the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said yesterday that the extent of the CIA's activities "is much greater than I ever imagined it would be. I knew it engaged in some of these activities, but I had no idea it was extensive as it is at this late date."

He said, according to United Press International, that President Johnson's action in naming a three-man panel to "review" CIA policy "doesn't seem to be quite an adequate response to this."

He noted that one of the members of the president's panel is CIA Director Richard M. Helms. "Well, I must say, to ask Mr. Helms to investigate the CIA seems a little odd," Fulbright added.

He said on the ABC television

program "Issues and Answers," that the wrong was not in the fact of the CIA's financing of American participation at the conferences, but in the fact the support was kept hidden.

The CIA's general counsel, meanwhile, said the government is unlikely to prosecute students who told of their relationship with the agency.

Houston told the Associated Press, however, that the students do not "have it carte blanche" to tell everything

about their dealings with the CIA.

A major unit of the American Newspaper Guild yesterday endorsed the guild's international affairs program and the use of foundation funds to support it.

The statement by the Empire State District Council of the

ANG followed a denial Saturday by the union of reports that it had knowingly accepted nearly \$1 million in grants from foundations used as conduits by the CIA.

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